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[REDACTED] HQS/ [REDACTED] COMMENTS BY OOB 15 APR;
[REDACTED] AVAILABILITY OF SURGEON WEEK OF 17 APR FOR SHAM SURGERY.
<> 1. EVENING OF 11 APR, [REDACTED] TRIGGERED
NON-SCHEDULED MEETING AT SAFEHOUSE "PAUL." P/1, ACCOMPANIED BY
[REDACTED] WHO TRANSLATED, TOLD C/O [REDACTED] THAT HE
HAD JUST RECEIVED A TELEX INSTRUCTING HIM TO RETURN PCS TO TRIPOLI
ON 1 MAY 89. (HQS/ [REDACTED] SEE [REDACTED] CABLE FOR TEXT OF TELEX MESSAGE RE
P/1'S RECALL.) ACCORDING TO P/1, HE WILL BE REPLACED AT THE
[REDACTED] OFFICE IN MALTA BY ESO OFFICER KHALIFA ((SANUSSI)). P/1
TOLD C/O THAT HE DID NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC JOB LINED UP IN TRIPOLI
AND THAT HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN RETURNING TO EITHER ESO HQS OR
WORKING FOR [REDACTED] IN LIBYA. HE INDICATED INSTEAD THAT HE
WANTED TO RECEIVE SHAM SURGERY (SUBJECT PREVIOUS TRAFFIC) TO ENABLE
HIM TO RESIGN FROM THE ESO/ [REDACTED] WITHOUT RISK OF BEING DRAFTED
INTO THE LIBYAN ARMED FORCES. WHEN C/O NOTED THAT LIKELIHOOD OF
HIS BEING DRAFTED WAS REMOTE, P/1 COUNTERED BY STATING THAT LIBYANS
HIS AGE WERE CURRENTLY BEING DRAFTED AT A STEADY PACE. HE TOLD C/O
THAT HE WANTED TO AVOID ANY RISK OF CONSCRIPTION AND REMAIN IN
MALTA TO OPEN AN AUTO RENTAL OR IMPORT-EXPORT BUSINESS. HE OFFERED
TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE ESO WHICH WOULD ENABLE HIM TO CONTINUE
PROVIDING [REDACTED] WITH INFORMATION ON ESO ACTIVITIES.

2. DURING THE DISCUSSION P/1 TOLD C/O THAT HE HAD FOUND A
LOCAL PHYSICIAN [REDACTED] WHO WAS WILLING TO PROVIDE HIM WITH NECESSARY
DOCUMENTATION RE A PHYSICAL DISABILITY. THIS PHYSICIAN HAS ALREADY
GIVEN P/1 DOCUMENTS ATTESTING TO FACT HE HAS BACK PROBLEMS. P/1
ALSO NOTED THAT MALTA ESO CHIEF MUHAMMAD AL-((LAFI)) ('ISA), WHO
SYMPATHIZED WITH P/1 WHEN HE LEARNED OF P/1'S FORTHCOMING RECALL,
AGREED TO CERTIFY ANY FORMS P/1 NEEDED TO DOCUMENT HIS PHYSICAL
DISABILITY. INTERESTINGLY, AL-LAFI TOLD P/1 THAT HE ALSO HOPES TO
RESIGN FROM THE ESO SOON AND GO INTO BUSINESS IN MALTA. IN ANY
CASE, P/1 TOLD C/O THAT ALL HE NEEDED WAS [REDACTED] ASSISTANCE IN

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PROVIDING THE SURGEON TO PERFORM THE SHAM SURGERY. HE EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE TO RECEIVE THE SURGERY IN MALTA AS IT WOULD BE PROBLEMATIC FOR HIM TO TRAVEL TO ANOTHER COUNTRY PRIOR TO HIS 1 MAY RECALL DATE. P/1 EXPLAINED THAT IF A PHYSICIAN WERE ABLE TO PERFORM SURGERY IN APR, HE WOULD LIKELY BE ABLE TO JUSTIFY A TWO OR THREE WEEK EXTENSION IN MALTA BEYOND 1 MAY TO PERMIT HIM TO RECOVER FROM THE SURGERY.

3. NEXT MEETING WITH P/1 IS SCHEDULED FOR 1800 HOURS 15 APR, AT WHICH TIME HE WILL BE EXPECTING POSITIVE FEEDBACK RE HIS REQUEST FOR SHAM SURGERY. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, STATION WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY FOR [] TO TRAVEL TO MALTA WEEK OF 17 APR TO ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE P/1 TO RETURN TO TRIPOLI AS A PENETRATION OF ESO HQS. WHILE P/1 REJECTED THIS IDEA WHEN C/O SUGGESTED HE CONSIDER IT AS A POSSIBILITY, P/1 MAY FEEL LESS RETICENT WITH T/1 NOT PRESENT AND WITH CLEAR EXPLANATION OF THE [] BENEFITS HE WOULD RECEIVE IF HE AGREED TO RETURN TO TRIPOLI AS A PENETRATION OF THE ESO.

4. WELCOME HQS [] COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE. REQUEST INFO RE AVAILABILITY OF [] FOR POSSIBLE SHAM SURGERY WEEK OF 17 APR. THANKS.

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